

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 189

By McCord

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Emily Hollingsworth of Sevierville upon receiving a 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Emily Hollingsworth, an esteemed resident of Sevierville and a student at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service through her receipt of a 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hollingsworth earned recognition as a Distinguished Finalist by giving generously of her time and energy to collecting more than 11,000 new and gently-used books to help restock a Louisiana school library devastated by Hurricane Katrina; and;

WHEREAS, she selflessly used her talents and abilities to distribute collection boxes to schools and other locations throughout the community, create an advertising campaign, recruit volunteers, coordinate a Valentine's Day donation rally, solicit donations to pay for transportation, and deliver the books to the St. Bernard Parish Unified School in Chalmette; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. Hollingsworth who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and honor Ms. Emily Hollingsworth as a recipient of a Prudential Spirit of Community Award; recognize her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit; and extend our best wishes for her continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.